

## Lalit Sharma

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**From:** Frasier, Douglas (DEQ) <Douglas.Frasier@deq.virginia.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2016 10:24 AM  
**To:** Lalit Sharma  
**Subject:** FW: Request for meeting re: City of Alexandria Long Term Control Plan update

Lalit,

As discussed, here is the email received and subsequent responses.

Doug

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**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 4:45 PM  
**To:** Faha, Thomas (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Bryant (DEQ); Frasier, Douglas (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for meeting re: City of Alexandria Long Term Control Plan update

Tom,  
Thank you for the quick response, and your offer to share the update submission, that would be very helpful to us. Our goal is to provide constructive comments, so the more time we have to review, the better.  
Phillip

**From:** Faha, Thomas (DEQ) [mailto:[Thomas.Faha@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Thomas.Faha@deq.virginia.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 4:01 PM  
**To:** [phillip@prknetwork.org](mailto:phillip@prknetwork.org)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Bryant (DEQ); Frasier, Douglas (DEQ)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for meeting re: City of Alexandria Long Term Control Plan update

Phillip,

We have not yet received the update. After we do, and have had a chance to review, we'll be glad to arrange a meeting.

We will forward a copy to you when we receive it.

Tom

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**From:** Phillip Musegaas [<mailto:phillip@prknetwork.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2016 12:04 PM  
**To:** Faha, Thomas (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Thomas, Bryant (DEQ); Nick Kuttner  
**Subject:** Request for meeting re: City of Alexandria Long Term Control Plan update

Tom,

I'm writing to ask if you and your staff would meet or schedule a call with us to discuss our concerns regarding discharges of untreated sewage from Alexandria, Virginia's Combined Sewer System (CSS). As you know, Alexandria is in the process of updating its 1999 Long Term Control Plan, due to the development of a bacteria TMDL for Four Mile Run. According to our understanding, the 1999 LTCP, currently in force, only requires implementation of the CSO Policy Nine Minimum Controls, and contains no implementation schedule or requirements for further reductions of CSO discharges to meet water quality standards.

Our primary concern relates to the fact that the City's update of the LTCP is only focused on the discharges relating to the TMDL requirements, and fails to address ongoing discharges from Outfall 001, the discharge point that accounts for over half the entire annual volume of CSO discharges, app. 60-70 million gallons a year. Outfall 001 is located on Oronoco Bay, and discharges directly into the tidal Potomac River. Based on the information we have, there is very infrequent water quality monitoring for bacteria in Oronoco Bay conducted by the City (once every four years, quarterly) and no monitoring being done by VDEQ. Oronoco Bay is regularly used for human powered boating, including high school crew teams and kayakers who may be regularly coming in contact with sewage laden stormwater.

Our review of the available water quality monitoring for Oronoco Bay (from the 2007-2012 CSS Permit fact sheet and annual CSO reports filed by Alexandria) appear to show frequent violations of Virginia's bacterial water quality standards. (See 9VAC25-260-170).

We have actively engaged with city officials to express our concerns, and will of course be submitting written comments on the LTCP update, once DEQ has publicly noticed the LTCP for public comment. I have also been in communication with EPA Region 3 staff regarding our concerns. We are also collaborating with NRDC staff in our work on this issue.

Our goal here is to work with the city and state to develop a plan that fully addresses untreated sewage discharges into the Potomac and its tributaries, including Outfall 001, in order to improve water quality and protect public health for people who recreate in the Potomac in this area. We would prefer to resolve this through a collaborative approach, but are committed to ensuring improved water quality in the Potomac.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding our request, and appreciate your time in this matter.

Regards,  
Phillip

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